

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, the status of the present application as a divisional application is provided in the specification, as required under 37 CFR § 1.72 is provided.

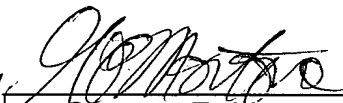
This divisional application presents independent claims 1-4 for examination. These claims correspond to claims 8-10 of the parent application. With regard to this, it is noted that claims 8-10 were subject to a restriction requirement in the parent application, dated September 11, 2002, and were non-elected in the parent case. Accordingly, examination of these claims 1-4 in the present divisional is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendments and examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

Kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 500.40410VX1).

Respectfully submitted,

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